

# 46. Onward, Christian Soldiers

This is a processional hymn written in 1865 by Rev. S. Baring-Gould, the music by Sir Arthur Sullivan, for an English School Festival. It has become the marching song for the church militant.

Sabine Baring-Gould, 1865

Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871

1. On - ward Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war, With the cross of Je - sus  
 2. Like a might - y ar - my Move the Church of God: Broth - ers we are tread - ing  
 3. Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane, But the Church of Je - sus  
 4. On - ward, then ye peo - ple, Join our hap - py throng, Blend with ours your voi - ces

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 Go - ing on be - fore! Christ the roy - al Mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe:  
 Where the saints have trod; We are not di - vid - ed, all one bod - y we,  
 Con - stant will re - main; Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
 In the tri - umph - song; Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ the King!

13  
 For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go. Chorus.  
 One in hope, in doc - trine, One in char - i - ty. Onward, Christian sol - diers,  
 We have Christ's own promise And that can - not fail. sing.  
 This thro' countless a - ges Men and en - gels

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 March - ing as to war, With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.



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